

Aircraft Accidents

According to the refuge narratives, from 1948 to 1995 at least 74 aircraft accidents have occurred on the refuge, and this is a conservative estimate. It appears that most of the aircrafts have been removed from the refuge. These crashed aircraft likely pose more of a solid waste issue than a contaminant issue to refuge lands; however, spilled aircraft fuel and lead from unrecovered batteries could be a minor issue.



This Cessna 337 crashed on refuge lands after running out of fuel. USFWS Photo by Robert A. Richey.